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FOR RANSOM, FESA PASS STANLEY KRAUSE, ERS FROM MINEHART, IRRI

TOFAS 69. 1. YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 2 RE POSITION OF EXPERIMENT STATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR IN PAKISTAN RECEIVED BY MINEHART. YOU INDICATE THAT THE JOB PROPOSED BY USAID AND ARS MAY NO LONGER BE THE POSITION UNDER DISCUSSION. THE JOB DESCRIPTION SENT TO MINEHART IS PERHAPS NO LONGER PERTINENT.

2. THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION IS ESSENTIAL. IS THIS SHIFT TO A NEW POLICY OR LESS CENTRALIZATION A REFLECTION OF PAKISTANI VACILLATION OR A USAID SHIFT IN EMPHASIS? WILLIAMS-MINEHART TALKS IN JANUARY CONCLUDED THAT A STRONG CENTRAL RESEARCH CENTER IN ISLAMABAD WAS A CORNERSTONE OF THE ENTIRE LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM OF USAID. PRESENT SHIFT DOES NOT SEEM TO AGREE WITH ORIGINAL PAKISTANI AGRICULTURAL PROJECTIONS OR USAID COMMITMENTS.

3. MINEHART IS PRIMARILY AN EXPERIMENT STATION DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST. HIS FIELD OF EXPERTISE IS CONCEPTION, DESIGN, AND EXECUTION OF THE PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF AGRICULTURAL CENTERS AND THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEVELOPED STATION.

4. SINCE THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR HIS SPECIALIZED TALENTS IN MANY COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND AFRICA HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE PAKISTANI JOB MAY REMOVE HIM FROM HIS FIELD OF EXPERTISE AND BE ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR ADVISORY. THEREFORE, MORE CONCISE INFORMATION IS NEEDED IN ORDER FOR HIM TO MAKE THE DECISION. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE SENT AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT SINCE ALTERNATIVE OFFERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED AND NEED REPLIES.

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